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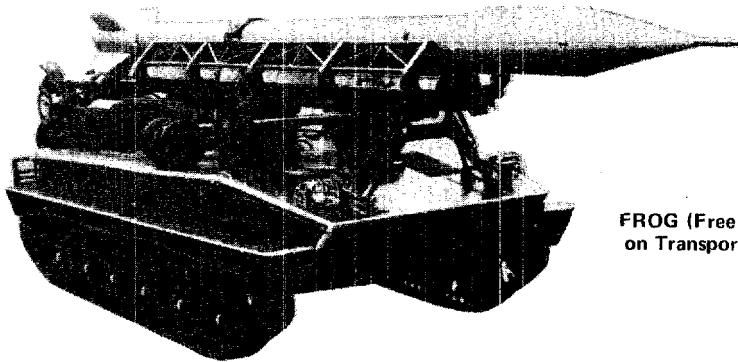
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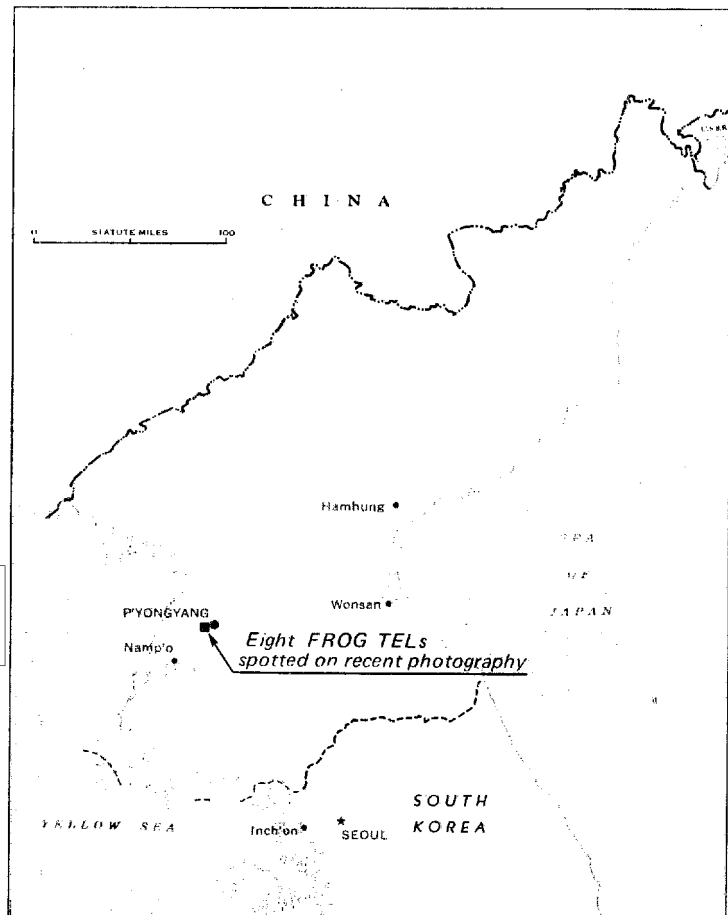
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Soviets Supplying FROG System to North Korea



FROG (Free Rocket Over Ground)
on Transporter-Erector-Launcher



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NORTH KOREA: THE USSR HAS SUPPLIED THE NORTH KOREAN ARMY WITH A TACTICAL ROCKET SYSTEM.

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PHOTOGRAPHY [REDACTED] SHOWS EIGHT FROG {FREE ROCKET OVER GROUND} TRANSPORTER-ERECTOR-LAUNCHERS AND SUPPORT EQUIPMENT AT AN INSTALLATION NEAR PYONGYANG.

THE FROG WAS DEVELOPED BY THE SOVIETS AS AN UNGUIDED SURFACE-TO-SURFACE ROCKET FOR TACTICAL SUPPORT OF GROUND FORCES. IT CAN DELIVER A HIGH EXPLOSIVE, CHEMICAL, OR NUCLEAR WARHEAD TO A RANGE OF 30-35 MILES. THE SOVIETS ALMOST CERTAINLY WOULD NOT SUPPLY NUCLEAR WARHEADS TO THE NORTH KOREANS.

THE DEPLOYMENT OF THESE ROCKETS NEAR PYONGYANG INDICATES THAT THEY ARE INTENDED TO HAVE A DEFENSIVE ROLE AGAINST INVADING FORCES. THE FROG IS A MOBILE SYSTEM, HOWEVER, AND COULD BE DEPLOYED ELSEWHERE TO IMPROVE THE FIREPOWER OF NORTH KOREA'S GROUND FORCES, WHICH ARE STILL EQUIPPED PRIMARILY WITH SOVIET WORLD WAR II HEAVY WEAPONS AND EQUIPMENT.

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